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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Cyprus for Rep. Edward Feighan (D., OH)

1. On 24 April 1984, Rep. Edward F. Feighan (D., OH) and staffer George Stephonapolous were briefed in the Congressman's office on the current state of play between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus. The briefers were John McLaughlin, [redacted] of DI/EURA and [redacted] of DIA. The briefing was conducted at the Secret level. [redacted]

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2. The briefing covered some historical background to the current dispute, the circumstances surrounding Turkish Cypriot President Denktash's rejection of the recent UN initiative to defuse the situation, and the possible consequences of miscalculation or overreaction to rising tensions on Cyprus and in the Aegean. The possibility of military reinforcements on Cyprus by both the Greeks and the Turks was considered along with the likelihood that Turkey would not want the military balance to shift in favor of Greece. The briefing ended with a prognosis for continuing tension and the possibility of a new round of open hostilities on the island. Mr. Feighan indicated that his concern stemmed from the interest of his pro-Greek constituents in Ohio in the current flare-up and his desire to understand the problem as fully as possible. [redacted]

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